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Controlled Release Formulations Using Intelligent Polymers

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2001 in the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 30 to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A controlled release pharmaceutical composition comprising:

(a) at least one pharmaceutically active substance having a water contact angle (θ) such that $\cos \theta$ is between +0.9848 and -0.9848;

- (b) a first intelligent polymer component; and
- (c) a second intelligent polymer component having opposite wettability characteristics to said first intelligent polymer component, said second intelligent polymer component comprising hydroxyethylcellulose or a mixture of hydroxyethylcellulose and hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose, the first and second polymer components being present in a ratio in the range of about 1:100 to about 100:1 by weight,